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REMARKS

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1. On 18 February 1954, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) in Perleberg was heavily occupied.

Colonel Bragin (fnu)

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was in a recreation center on the Crimean Peninsula. His deputy was Colonel Antonin (fnu). Supply officer Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu) was identified in the barracks installation. At about 9 a.m. on 10 February, T-34/85 tanks

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6 trucks towing AT guns of about 85 mm and 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns

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left the installation and returned during the night. At about 9:15 a.m. on 11 February, a truck towing a 76.2-mm gun, 1 truck with a 57-mm AT gun, 1 truck towing

a 85-mm AT gun and 1 truck towing a 120-mm mortar moved out of the installation and

headed toward Wittenberge. Between 3 and 18 February, 180 to 200 soldiers wearing

red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with submachine guns, AT rifles, light

machine guns and 82-mm mortars almost daily left the installation for the garrison

training grounds south of Perleberg and on Weinberg hill. They usually returned at

about 3 p.m. About 12 to 14 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with sig-

nal insignia and equipped with cable reels also moved out almost daily. At about

9 a.m. on 16 February, 4 trucks with armored sidewalls moved out of the installation

toward town. so far, 40,000 DM east have been spent for

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reconditioning work at the Artillerie Kaserne in January and February 1954. The

plan for the establishment of two dwelling houses was canceled. The barracks in-

stallation quartered 30 Soviet families, including the family of Colonel Kusnetsov.

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2. On 18 February, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342) was heavily occupied. General Kozikov (fnu) was said to have still been absent for a course of instruction. Officers identified between 5 and 18 February included Lieutenant Colonel Okulof (fnu), chief of staff, Captain Syomin (fnu), Kech officer, Major Zorokin (fnu), supply officer of the division, Lieutenant Colonel Vasiliev (fnu), supply officer, Lieutenant Colonel Melnikov (fnu), unit commander, Captain Polechuk (fnu), supply officer, Captain Shumelko (fnu), unit commander, Major Zachko (fnu), club officer, and Major Babenko (fnu), supply officer. A driver school of 3 or 4 trucks and 3 to 5 sidecar motorcycles was frequently seen during the period of observation.

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in January and February 1954, 30,000 to 35,000 DM east had been spent for recon-

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dition work at the installation. No new construction orders were available.

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3. On 18 February, one Komarov (fnu) was still supply officer of the hospital (5543) in Perleberg.

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4. Between 2 and 13 February, the Artillerie Kaserne quartered about 30 families and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne only a few families. Several families were billeted on Thaelmann Strasse. A house on Wittenberger Strasse, which was to quarter the family of Lieutenant Colonel Vasiliev (fnu) and another house on Berliner Strasse, corner of Berg Strasse, which was to house Lieutenant Colonel Melnikov (fnu) were re-conditioned. Lieutenant Colonel Okulov (fnu) was quartered in houses at Beyernteich.

5. [redacted] the new wooden watch tower of about 22 meters on hill No 28.7 in Forest Section No 89 was completed and [redacted] the old wooden tower, which was about 10 meters high, had been torn down.

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6. On the morning of 9 February, about 10 to 12 AT guns of about 85 mm. were unloaded at Perleberg railroad station and brought to the Artillerie Kaserne by two trucks.

7. On 17 February, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 9 February, 3 T-34 tanks entered the installation from the direction of Pritzwalk and, on 14 February about 100 soldiers trained in the barracks area. On 16 February, about 30 soldiers with spades entered the installation, coming from the direction of the airfield. [redacted]

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8. On 17 February, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. On 11 February, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward town. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The two installations are still held as quartering the units of the 18th Mech Div. [redacted]

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[redacted] The 85-mm AT guns unloaded on 9 February probably belonged to the re-equipping movement.

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